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1. SUMMARY: THREE US FORCES MEMBERS INVOLVED IN MAY 30  
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EXFILTRATION HAVE BEEN PUNISHED AND REMOVED FROM BERLIN. THEIR

TESTIMONY AND OTHER EVIDENCE IMPLICATES SEVEN OTHER US FORCES MEMBERS AND TWO US CITIZEN RESIDENTS OF BERLIN. ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AGAINST TWO OF THESE INDIVIDUALS AND INVESTIGATION OF OTHERS CONTINUES END SUMMARY.

2. DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN AGAINST ARMY STAFF SERGEANT AND MILITARY POLICEMEN WHO COLLABORATED IN MAY 30 EXFILTRATION OF EAST GERMAN FAMILY REPORTED REF A. ARMY SSG (E-6) CHARLES L. PEAK, SPECIALIST 4TH CLASS (E-4) GLEN W. CRANE, AND SP-4 (E-4) THOMAS M. MCDERMOTT, HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM BERLIN. PEAK RECEIVED \$500 FINE, REDUCTION IN GRADE TO E-5 (WHICH WAS SUSPENDED SUBJECT TO GOOD BEHAVIOR FOR SIX MONTHS), AND AN UNSATISFACTORY CONDUCT RATING ON ENLISTED EFFICIENCY REPORT. CRANE AND MCDERMOTT GIVEN EXPEDITIOUS DISCHARGE (HONORABLE), WHICH CARRIES WITH IT BAR TO RE-ENLISTMENT, ALL THREE BARRED FROM FUTURE RESIDENCE IN BERLIN.

3. TESTIMONY OF THREE CULPRITS AND COLLATERAL EVIDENCE HAS IMPLICATED SEVEN OTHER US FORCES MEMBERS IN AT LEAST FOUR UNDETECTED EXFILTRATIONS FROM EAST BERLIN IN MARCH-APRIL, WHICH OCCURRED WITH COMPLICITY OF CHECKPOINT MPS MCDERMOTT AND CRANE. DRIVERS RECEIVED ABOUT DM 5000 FOR EACH EXFILTRATION, MPS RECEIVED DM 500 A PIECE. SEVERAL OF THESE PERSONS INVOLVED WITH DRUGS. FOLLOWING ACTIONS UNDERWAY AGAINST THESE INDIVIDUALS:

A. MEMBERS OF FORCES SO FAR IMPLICATED HAVE BEEN BARRED FROM TRAVEL TO EAST BERLIN AND ON HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN.

B. FIVE INDIVIDUALS REMAIN UNDER INVESTIGATION.

C. SIXTH INDIVIDUAL, SP-5 (E-5) JAMES CHANEY ADMITTED MAKING EXFILTRATION RUN APRIL 4. HE HAS BEEN REDUCED ONE GRADE AND FINED \$500. PROCEEDINGS UNDERWAY TO DISCHARGE CHANEY, WITH BAR TO RE-ENLISTMENT, FOR ACCUMULATION OF OFFENSES, INCLUDING EXFILTRATION.

D. SEVENTH INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED DIED OF DRUG OVERDOSE MAY 8, CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHICH ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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4. TESTIMONY OF THREE CULPRITS AND OTHER EVIDENCE HAS ALSO IMPLICATED TWO US CITIZEN RESIDENTS OF BERLIN, RICHARD FIGUEROA AND FLOYD L. BROTHERS. FIGUEROA, WHO REMAINED IN BERLIN AFTER BEING DISCHARGED FROM ARMY IN JAN 1974, WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS LINK BETWEEN US FORCES MEMBERS AND GERMANS IN ABORTED OCTOBER EXFILTRATION ATTEMPT BY USAF E-4S THOMPSON AND GUILLAUME (REF C). HE LEFT BERLIN SHORTLY AFTER

ATTEMPT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AS RESULT OF HIGH-LEVEL SOVIET PROTEST (REF D). HIS RESIDENCE PERMIT WAS CANCELLED IN FEBRUARY AFTER HE RETURNED TO BERLIN, BUT POLICE WERE SLOW IN FOLLOWING UP TO ENSURE THAT HE LEFT. BROTHERS, WHO WAS RESIDED IN BERLIN SINCE APRIL 1970, MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN EXFILTRATION IN 1973. HE HAS BEEN NAMED BY PAK AS GO-BETWEEN IN MAY 30 EXFILTRATION AND AS PERSON WHO HELPED INSTALL LOAD-LEVELLING SHOCKS IN PEAK'S CAR AT TEMPELHOF AUTO CRAFT SHOP. AS REGARDS THESE INDIVIDUALS, FOLLOWING MEASURES UNDERWAY;

A. BOTH BARRED FROM US INSTALLATIONS IN BERLIN.

B. WE HAVE DIRECTED BERLIN POLICE PRESIDENT TO REMOVE FIGUEROA FROM BERLIN. LOSS OF RESIDENCE PERMIT WILL PREVENT FIGUEROA FROM RESIDING IN FRG AS WELL AS BERLIN.

C. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO BUILD CASE AGAINST BROTHERS, BUT DOUBT WE CAN TAKE AS SEVERE ACTION AGAINST HIS AS AGAINST FIGUEROA BECAUSE BROTHERS HAS BEEN MARRIED TO GERMAN FOR FIVE YEARS AND COUPLE HAS DAUGHTER. CANCELLATION OF BERLIN RESIDENCE PERMIT WOULD PREVENT FAMILY FROM LIVING TOGETHER IN BOTH BERLIN AND FRG, A SEVERE HARDSHIP FOR WIFE AND DAUGHTER, WHO HAVE NOT ENGAGED IN ANY KNOWN ILLEGAL OR UN-AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES. ACCORDINGLY, IF EVIDENCE ULTIMATELY SUPPORTS IT, WE MAY WISH TO RECOMMEND THAT EMB AND DEPT CONSIDER AUTHORIZING US TO INITIATE TRIPARTITE PROCEDURE TO EXPEL BROTHERS FROM BERLIN, UNDER AK LAW. 8. EXPULSION WOULD PREVENT HIM FROM RETURNING TO BERLIN, BUT, UNLIKE NEGATIVE RESIDENCE PERMIT ACTION, WOULD NOT NECESSARILY PREVENT HIM FROM LIVING WITH FAMILY IN FRG.

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5. WE HAVE TAKEN FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COUNTER-MEASURES AND ARE ATTEMPTING DEVISE OTHERS:

A. NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER (E-6) NOW ASSIGNED TO CHECKPOINT CHARLIE. PRESENCE OF CAREER-ORIENTED NCO HOPEFULLY WILL REDUCE POSSIBILITY OF CHECKPOINT PERSONNEL COLLABORATION WITH EXFILTRATORS.

B. ASSIGNMENT OF MPS TO DUTY AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE BEING MADE AT LAST MINUTE ON RANDOM BASIS SO THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCE COLLABORATION BETWEEN EXFILTRATORS AND MPS IS REDUCED.

6 THUS FAR WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE IN THAT NO PUBLICITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ANY MATERIAL IN THIS MESSAGE, AND WE ACCORDINGLY RE-EMPHASIZE DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING INFORMATION CLOSELY.

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